

A SHARP
WATCH KEPTThe British Are On the Alert,
Shadowing Ships.

RUSSIAN INQUIRY BEGUN

Movements of War-Craft—British Fleet
Ordered to Hold All British
Colliers—Fleet
Mobilized.

London, Oct. 30.—The feverish activity in naval preparations which characterized last week has abated, but naval reports show that British war vessels are so disposed as to keep a sharp watch on all movements along the proposed route of the Russian Baltic squadron, including the Canary islands, where the Russians have prepared elaborate arrangements for coaling from German steamers.

Admiral Rojestvensky's four battle-ships remain at Vigo, but according to some reports the firing in the North Sea was done by Admiral Voeikov's squadron, which is now at Tangier.

The Russians' own inquiry into the Dogger Bank affair was opened at Vigo on Sunday. The British inquiry will open at Hull forthwith. The inquiry will be resumed at Hull on Nov. 2. The Russian embassy has cancelled its instructions for a representative to attend the inquiry, as it considers the case closed.

Premier Balfour returned to London rather unexpectedly by motor car last night from Canterbury.

Many leading clergymen in their sermons yesterday referred with satisfaction to the peaceful settlement of the Anglo-Russian crisis.

BATTLE RESUMED.

Indications From Mukden That Japs Are
Again Fighting.

Mukden, Oct. 31.—Indications today point to an early resumption of the battle on the Shalke river. Last night the Japanese began the bombardment of the Russian right, which continued some hours without intermission.

This morning the Mikado's forces crossed the Shalke river southeast of Mukden, the object of which is not clearly manifest, but the movement may presage an attempt to outflank the Russian forces.

SHELLED BRITISH COLLIER.

Officers of Russian Baltic Fleet Admit
Charge.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—A Tangier despatch says the officers of the Baltic fleet there admit that while coming to Tangier they shelled the British collier which was carrying no lights. The result of the bombardment is not known.

BIG FLEET MOBILIZED.

England Prepared for the Worst in a
Harry.

London, Oct. 31.—Admiral Tyler estimates that twenty-eight battleships and seventy-five other warships were mobilized within four days when the Anglo-Russian crisis was the most acute.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT.

Russia and Belgium Have Signed Treaty
to That Effect.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—Russia and Belgium have signed a treaty making it obligatory that all matters which may come up for discussion between them shall be submitted to arbitration.

FLANK MOVEMENT EXPECTED.

Japanese Are Quiet in the East and Rus-
sians Are Apprehensive.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—Sunday passed quietly at the front. The Japanese, apparently, have some movement on foot, but its object is unknown. A flank movement is daily expected.

TO HOLD COAL COLLIERIES.

And Escort Mail Boats Through Straits
of Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Oct. 31.—The British fleet has been ordered to patrol the Straits and intercept all British colliers, and bring them here. It has also been ordered to escort all mail boats.

Italian Anarchists Active.

Rome, Oct. 29.—It is stated here that the Socialists and Anarchists threaten that another general strike will be proclaimed on the day of the baptism of Prince Humbert of Piedmont, the heir to the throne, as the recent strike was inaugurated on the day of the prince's birth. It is believed that an attempt to inaugurate such a strike will fail if it is made, the government being thoroughly prepared for all eventualities.

SUICIDE AT PAWLET.

Nelson M. Jones, a Prominent Citizen,
Takes Life.

Rutland, Oct. 31.—Nelson M. Jones, a prominent resident of Pawlet, committed suicide yesterday. He was wealthy and served on the jury at the recent session of county court. He was a Knight Templar. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

TAKAHIRA HAS APPENDICITIS.

Japanese Minister Seriously Ill in New
York.

New York, Oct. 30.—An operation for appendicitis was performed on Japanese Minister Takahira in a hotel in this city today. The case is said to be a serious one and attaches of the Japanese legation at Washington have been summoned to the minister's bedside.

Mr. Takahira arrived here from Washington Friday night and immediately after being assigned to a room at the hotel complained of illness and asked that a physician be sent for. The physician found the minister suffering much pain and remedies were administered which eased his sufferings and allowed him to pass the remainder of the night comfortably.

Saturday, however, the minister could retain no food and this, with other symptoms, caused the physician to believe that the case was one of appendicitis, and today, when it was positively diagnosed as such, an immediate operation was decided upon.

The operation on Minister Takahira was performed between 3 and 4 o'clock by Dr. William T. Bull, who issued the following bulletin at 7:45 o'clock to-night.

"The patient was taken ill Saturday morning with appendicitis. Symptoms of peritonitis rapidly supervened and an operation was decided upon by Drs. Bull, Delafield, and Shady. The operation was done early in the afternoon, since which time his condition has been satisfactory, although he cannot be pronounced out of danger for two or three days. At present the outlook is favorable."

Dr. Bull announced that bulletins would be issued every three hours for several days.

WESTERLY ITALIANS ORGANIZE.

Form a Republican Club at a Meeting
Thursday Evening.

Westerly, R. I., Oct. 30.—The first Italian rally ever held in Westerly was the Republican rally held Thursday evening in J. S. Grille's hall on Canal street. The committee in charge was composed of J. S. Grille, Manueto Commelli, Santo Turano and Joseph Recchia.

Mr. Commelli proposed the formation of a Republican club, and the suggestion was adopted, a large number becoming members.

An organization was perfected by the election of the following officers:

President—John Catto.

Vice President—Antonio Pinardi.

Secretary—Joseph Rulse.

Treasurer—Joseph S. Grille.

Another meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1.

Automobiles in the Desert.

In the matter of Sudanese communications much interest is taken in the expected arrival at Khartoum of an expedition motor cars for passenger service in the desert. The difficulty has been to find motors which are capable of travelling over the sand, but it is hoped that the recent experiments will lead to a solution of this problem.

The Massachusetts Company.

On Aug. 29, 1920, the Massachusetts company formally voted to transfer its charter to the colony.

The Proconsul.

A proconsul was originally a Roman consul who at the close of his term of office was sent to govern a province. Exceptions were often made, however, and in later times it was not required that the proconsul should have been a consul.

Giant Caterpillars.

Caterpillars from six inches to a foot long are common in the vicinity of the Darling river, Australia.

Our First Bank.

The first bank established in the United States was incorporated at Philadelphia Dec. 31, 1781.

Wages in Germany.

The lowest wages in Germany prevail in the purely agricultural districts in the eastern provinces adjoining Russia. The highest wages are paid in the German seaports and in the industrial centers.

The Aquiline Nose.

A medical authority asserts that the aquiline nose is not merely imposing or ornamental, but is requisite to a full development of the human voice.

Manchurian Tigers.

There are a good many tigers in Manchuria, but they are smaller than those of India and have very heavy fur, which is used for winter clothing when it can be secured.

Tools and Sunlight.

Fine edged tools lose their temper if exposed to the light of the sun for a considerable length of time.

Floral Humming Bird.

There is a wild flower in Turkey which is the exact floral image of a humming bird. The breast is green, the wings are a deep rose color, the throat yellow, the head and back almost black.

Outfit of the English Judge.

The outfit of an English Judge costs about \$3,000. He has to have at least five gowns of silk, besides a giraffe, a scarf, a casting hood, a black cap, a three cornered cap, a beaver hat, a cocked hat, a silk hat, lace bands and two full court suits with swords.

Peanuts.

Made into soups or mixed with well cooked hominy or bread crumbs and baked, peanuts give attractive and healthful "meat" dishes.

WILL CLOSE
DOWN ALLTwo Hundred and Forty Coal
Mines

WITH 50,000 EMPLOYES

To Stop Operations in Illinois—Tren-
ble is Over Decrease in
Wages Made by
Operators.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 31.—All hope of a settlement of the controversy between the coal operators of Illinois and the hoisting engineers has failed, practically, and 240 mines employing 50,000 men will be closed down. The engineers will cease work tonight at 12 o'clock, unless the operators withdraw their order of a reduction in wages of about 5 per cent.

THREE KILLED, 12 INJURED.

Two Sections of a World's Fair Special
Collide in Missouri.

Kansas City, Oct. 31.—Three persons were killed and 12 injured in a rear end collision between section No. 2 and section No. 1 of the Missouri Pacific World's Fair special, at Tipton, Mo., early yesterday.

The first section left St. Louis for Kansas City last night at 10:10 p. m. The second section left a few minutes later and was running 70 miles an hour when it reached Tipton, where section No. 1 was taking on passengers. According to Engineer Ramsey of section No. 2 a headlight in the yards blinded him and he was unable to see section No. 1. He also says that his orders were "Clear ahead." The second section crashed into the first, demolishing the end sleeper of the latter section, and overturning the second sleeper. The dead:

Mrs. Bright Walker, Lewisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Margaret Burke, Kansas City.

J. W. Bagby, Kansas City.

The injured:

J. S. Gilroy, St. Louis, serious.

L. B. Stoner, N. Y., serious.

L. B. Twined, New York, serious.

Many other were more or less hurt.

NO BODIES RECOVERED.

Great Boulders Block Progress of Res-
cuers in Colorado Mine.

Tercio, Col., Oct. 31.—No bodies have yet been taken out of the mine where an explosion entombed 49 miners Friday, according to a statement of the coroner tonight. So great was the explosion that huge boulders block the progress of the rescuers and make blasting necessary. The blasts cause further rock slides. The coroner said that it may be two weeks before the mine can be explored on account of the frequent cave-ins.

WILSON VS. CLEMENT.

Famous Suit to Be Taken Up in New
York This Week.

Burlington, Oct. 31.—The case of Samuel D. Wilson vs. Percival W. Clement, the famous suit for damages of \$50,000 for alleged slander, will be taken up this week in the United States courts in New York, where it was taken on an appeal by the defendant.

This case was first tried at Rutland, where a verdict was rendered for the defendant. A new trial was ordered by Judge Wheeler on the ground that two jurors were disqualified. The case was then taken to a higher court by the defendant on the ground that Judge Wheeler's ruling was contrary to law. Max L. Powell, attorney for the plaintiff, received word Saturday that the case would be reached this week and he will consequently go to New York.

ELEVATOR COLLAPSED.

Sink into the Water With About 370-
000 Bushels of Barley.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 30.—From some cause which cannot be definitely explained the Ontario elevator collapsed today and sank into the waters of the Evans slip. The elevator contained about 370,000 bushels of barley, a large portion of which lies at the bottom of the slip. The loss on the grain and the building is estimated at \$350,000. Charles Bartholomew, 62 years old, the elevator superintendent, was seriously injured.

VICTIM OF TYPHOID.

Second in a Rutland Family—Three
Others Are Sick.

Rutland, Oct. 30.—The second death in a typhoid fever stricken family occurred today when Rachel E. Simonds, 12 years old, died at the city hospital, where her mother, brother and cousin are still confined. The father, A. J. Simonds, who was a conductor on the Rutland railroad, died September 7 and the other five cases are supposed to have resulted from the first case as Mr. Simonds contracted the disease somewhere outside of Rutland. It is expected that the other three patients will recover.

Workman Dropped Dead.

Rutland, Oct. 30.—Walter Dinn, aged 55 years, an employee of the Howe Scale Co., dropped dead at his home on South Main street last evening while sawing wood. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause. He leaves a wife, eight sons and two daughters.

TO AMEND
THE CHARTERRepresentative Pape Intro-
duces Bill

IN LEGISLATURE TODAY

Provides for the Assessor's Department
—On Plan Much After That of
Burlington—Many Bills
Coming in.

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—With only a day and a half left in which bills may be introduced except by committee or unanimous consent of the houses, the members of the legislature hustled in a lot of bills when they convened this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, after their over-Sunday vacation. The legislative session is now one-half completed. From tomorrow on, both the Senate and House will proceed to digest the matters set before them.

Among the bills introduced this afternoon was one presented by Mr. Pape of Barre city to make amendment to the charter of Barre city relating to the assessor's department of that city's government. At the present time the city charter does not contain provision to cover the work of this department, the general statutes having been followed entirely. The proposed change is modeled after that part of the Burlington charter relating to the assessor's department. The material difference that the proposed enactment will make is to give the assessor a little more time.

Main Features of Barre Bill.

The grand list in said city, when com-
pleted, shall contain the following:

- (1) The name of each taxable person.
- (2) The ward in which he resides if a resident in said city.
- (3) The number and name of street if his residence is known.
- (4) The amount at which such person's poll is set in the list.
- (5) A description of all the real estate owned by such person; but such real estate shall not be classified as provided in Sec. 388 of Vermont Statutes.
- (6) The value of each separate piece or parcel of real estate in said city not exempt from taxation.
- (7) The total value of all such real estate not exempt from taxation.
- (8) The value of such person's personal estate taxable in said city after making all deductions for debts owing and other exemptions allowed by law.
- (9) The sum obtained by adding the poll, if any, to one per cent. of the value of such person's real and personal estate.

The bill provides that an abstract book of the individual list of all tax payers of said city shall be kept. The abstract shall be completed on or before the 25th of May in each year and shall be lodged in the office of the said assessors and be open to the inspection of all tax payers in said city. Notices must be posted in at least five places and also published in the local newspapers stating that such abstract shall be open for inspection from May 25 and that assessors will hear all persons aggrieved.

Aggrieved persons may appeal to the board of civil authority on or before the third day of June, by filing with the clerk of said city a statement of such grievance; said person must also notify the assessors. The board of civil authority must hear and determine such appeal and may order the list to be made in accordance with its decision. No hearing shall be held later than the 8th day of June.

As soon as practicable after the first day of June the assessors shall complete the list of all tax payers who have not appeared before said board to be heard upon any grievance, and shall also as soon after the ninth day of June, complete all lists of persons who have been heard on any grievance by said assessors or board of civil authority.

They shall file their report on or before June 15 and said list shall be the grand list of said city for the purpose of raising all taxes. Except that property omitted shall be added until the fifteenth of Sept. as provided by Sec. 1 of Act No. 15 of the session laws of 1903.

In making return of the abstract of said grand list to the secretary of state the city clerk shall be required to make a statement of the amount of real estate of the first and second classes as now defined by statute.

Mr. Pape introduced another bill this afternoon to amend section 387 of the Vermont Statutes relating to lists of taxation. As amended the section would read, "In the year 1893 and quadrennially thereafter the listers shall make a new appraisal of the taxable real estate in each town and return the list thereof to the town clerk's office on or before the first Tuesday in July in such year; but in towns or cities having more than 5000 inhabitants, by the last United States census, they shall return the list on or before the fourth Tuesday in August in such year."

The only change is the substitution of August in the last line for the word July.

Governor Bell Gains 17 New Friends.

A pleasant little incident occurred in the executive chamber at the State House last Thursday morning when a small primary school of 17 scholars who were visiting the Capitol met the Governor, who shook hands with each and made a few pleasant remarks to them. He then showed them his new milking stool and allowed them to sit on it, telling them he thought it the finest milking stool ever made. To the first little boy who sat on it, Gov. Bell said, "Now you can go home and tell your father you

are the first man who ever sat on that stool." When these delighted boys and girls left the beautiful room it is safe to say they were all staunch friends of Gov. Bell, who was warmly thanked by their teacher for his kindness to them.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The temperance committee gets down to its work tonight. The committee has a batch of bills to consider.

The reunion of the legislature of 1900 will be held Tuesday afternoon and evening. A large attendance of former lawmakers and state officers is expected.

The weekly payment bill will be the talk of the general committee at their public hearing Wednesday evening. A considerable number of people are expected to be present.

In Representatives' Hall tomorrow evening a public hearing will be given by the judiciary committee on the bills to abolish capital punishment and to commute the sentence of Mrs. Mary Rogers, convicted of murdering her husband, sentenced to be hanged.

Jesse A. Harvey, who resigned as assistant secretary of state, to go with the Kendall Spavin Cure Company at Enosburg Falls, has now left the State House. That his painstaking attention to his work will insure him success in the new field of labor, his friends feel certain.

Norwich University will probably ask the legislature for the whole or part of the \$280,453 which was recently paid to Vermont by the national government as a Civil War claim, as a fund to be invested for a period of years for the benefit of the university. The state will probably be asked that the revenue from the investment will be given only. The argument will be advanced that this money was originally raised for military purposes and that it should be used for military purposes.

The people of Burlington evidently believe that the \$50,000 appropriation for the erection of a "Memorial Hall" in their city will not at any rate be to their disadvantage, for they gave their representative, Mr. Bullard, a rousing welcome on his return to the Queen City Friday evening. Among the number were 150 university students. While Mr. Bullard was largely instrumental in getting the appropriation bill through the House his task would have been impossible if he had not been aided by the farmer members who stood by the appropriation valiantly.

TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY
HAS DISAPPEAREDRalph Bennett, Son of S. O. Bennett,
Was Last Seen on North Main
Street Last Friday Afternoon
— Police Searching.

Ralph Bennett, the twelve year old son of S. O. Bennett of 34 Perry street, disappeared Friday afternoon, and search for him by his parents and the police has been of no avail. The boy went to school that day as usual. He was last seen at half past four o'clock the same afternoon, by a little daughter of Lyman Armstrong. The lad was standing in front of Vaughan's store on North Main street. It was not until yesterday that the little girl told of seeing him. When pressed for information she said the Bennett boy was talking with two women. One of the women said to the boy, "You'll have to take a car to go home, won't you?" "No," replied the boy, "I can run home; I live up here on Perry street." One of the women took a car at that point and the other walked down the street. The Armstrong girl could not give a description of either one.

Previous to that, the boy was seen by Ensign Randall of the Salvation Army going from school in the direction of the postoffice. The boy, who was known to Ensign Randall, waved his hand to her, and she waved back.

The boy's teacher, Miss Stevens, said that he remained at school after the session closed because she had asked him to erase the board. The boy had given no trouble and was considered a good boy in school.

When the boy did not return home Friday for supper nor later in the evening, the parents immediately went to the police station and notified Chief of Police Brown who has since been working on the case, having gone to East Montpelier and having telephoned to various places. It is thought that the boy may have gone off to earn some money, as he has been working on Person's milk route and had also sold papers.

Mrs. Bennett gives the following description of her son: Twelve years of age, fairly good size, light complexioned, blue eyes, full face; when last seen, was dressed in a black suit with small white spots; dark blue sweater, with red collar and cuffs.

NOT A "PETRIFIED WOMAN."

Burlington Free Press Would Explode
Washington Man's Discovery.

It is probable that the so-called petrified body of a woman, found in the town of Washington, Orange county, was not a petrification but a case of the formation of adipocere. The fatty portions of the body of an adipose person, buried in wet ground under certain conditions of the soil, occasionally become changed into a waxy substance, resembling spermaceti commonly of a light brown color. The flesh so changed retains its form, seems hard, looks like marble and nine times out of ten is supposed by uninformal persons to have been changed into stone. The substance is called adipocere, a word formed from two latin words meaning fat and wax. It will remain in the ground in which it is formed for many years without decay.—Burlington Free Press.

BUILDING
COLLAPSEDTwenty Lives Were Lost in
Memphis, Tenn.

ONLY ONE MAN ESCAPED

All Other Occupants Buried in the Ruins
of Collapsed Building—Ex-
cavation Caused
Collapse.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 31.—With an awful crash and without warning the Hoyle building occupied by the Continental Savings Bank and a number of offices, collapsed at 9:40 this morning and at least twenty lives are believed to have been snuffed out in the death trap.

Only one man escaped alive—a tailor on the top floor, who was bruised about the head and face. Scores of policemen and others rushed to the scene and the work of rescue is now going on. Business in every direction is paralyzed. An effort is being made to get out the bodies. The building was next to the site of the proposed skyscraper of the Tennessee Trust Co., and the excavation caused the collapse of the building.

Six persons have been rescued, all badly injured, among them being D. M. Schos, president of the Continental Savings Bank, who is delirious. Also Clarence M. Henachsheny, cashier.

CRASHED INTO FENCE.

K. W. Morse's Automobile Wrecked,
Owner Was Not Hurt.

K. W. Morse, proprietor of the City Hotel, was bowling along the road just below Wells, Lamson & Co.'s stone shed in his automobile Saturday afternoon when something happened—just what is uncertain. There is quite a sharp turn at this point and the machine suddenly shot off on a tangent, crossing the electric railroad track and crashing into the heavy guard fence which separates the electric road's track from the M. & W. R. R. track, some ten feet below. The fence was subjected to a severe strain and although knocked completely out of shape held the machine just on the edge of the embankment, from which place Mr. Morse crawled out of the remains unhurt, after a remarkable experience. If the fence had given way completely the car would have gone over the embankment to the railroad track below, then over another embankment into the river.

The automobile was badly wrecked, and those who saw it turned on its side against the fence marvelled at Mr. Morse's escape from serious accident.

BURIED IN ELMWOOD.

Mrs. B. G. Webster's Funeral Was Held
Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. B. G. Webster was held at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the house on South Main street, Rev. A. M. Bradley officiating. There was a large gathering of friends and relatives and many very beautiful floral offerings.

The pall bearers were B. G. Webster, Leon Webster, Mr. Webster, William Choate, William Aevrill and O. J. Howes. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

ABOUT 90 POLLS ABATED.

Board of Civil Authority Has Busy Ses-
sion.

The board of civil authority met again Saturday evening to hear grievances and requests for abatements. About 90 polls were abated, most of them being cases where the assessors had assessed the same man twice. The work of the board was not completed and an adjournment was taken to Wednesday evening.

PLEADED GUILTY.

To the Larceny of a Pair of Gloves from
Segel & Brady's.

Irving Scales was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant for the larceny of a pair of gloves from Segel & Brady's store. He was brought into court Saturday night and pleaded not guilty and his case was continued until today when he decided to plead guilty and the court withheld judgment until next Saturday.

DR. BOARDMAN VERY ILL.

Well-Known Montpelier Physician Con-
sidered in Dangerous Condition.

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—Dr. H. S. Boardman is seriously ill with heart disease at his home on State street. A consultation of physicians on his case was held yesterday afternoon. Although Dr. Boardman is dangerously ill strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Papin-Nichols.

J. G. Papin sends the following notice to The Times:

"J. G. Papin of Burlington, Vt., and Miss Mamie F., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Nichols of this city, were married at Woodville, N. H., Oct. 6, 1904. The bride will be remembered as a popular clerk in the Vaughan Store of this city."

Music Hall Comedian Dead.

London, Oct. 31.—Dan Leno, London's most popular music hall comedian, died today.